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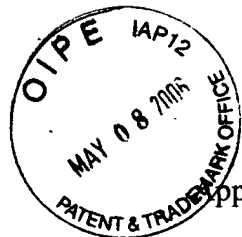
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Applicants: Markl et al.

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For: METHYLATION ALTERED DNA SEQUENCES AS MARKERS
ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN CANCER

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. . § 1.114**

Sir,

This is a Response and Amendment and Request For Continued Examination (RCE) in response to a final Office Action dated 08 November 2005 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 15 August 2004 (14 August 2005 being a Sunday). A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fees are enclosed.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: